

## What is Wilderness?

The Wilderness Act of 1964 defines Wilderness as:

A wilderness, in contrast with those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. An area of wilderness is further defined to mean in this Act an area of undeveloped Federal land retaining its primeval character and influence, without permanent improvements or human habitation, which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which (1) generally appears to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable; (2) has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation; (3) has at least five thousand acres of land or is of sufficient size to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition; and (4) may also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.



Map section are from the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness map, available for purchase at all Malheur NF Offices.

### For More Information

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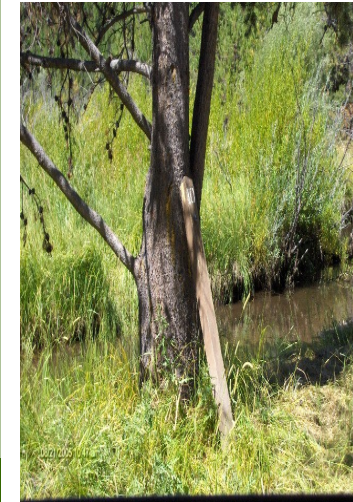
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## ***Snowshoe Trail #380***



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The Snowshoe Trail is located on the south side of the Strawberry Mountain Range, and leads into the Strawberry Mountain Wilderness, and ranges in elevation from 5600 ft. to 7200 ft.

This trail can be reached during the summer months for recreation. During the winter months this trail is open for snowshoeing or skiing, however reaching the trail is more difficult during the winter. The trail is not as heavily used as other trails.

Portions of this trail are in the wilderness, no mechanized modes of travel are allowed. This includes bicycles, ohv's, or game carts.

### **What to Look Forward To**

Snowshoe Trail provides great access to Skyline Trail #385. Camping opportunities exist along the trail. Water is plentiful on the lower 2/3 of the trail, but it is recommended to carry drinking water with you. The trail was burned over during a fire in 1991 and has been heavily logged on the lower part of the trail outside of the Wilderness.

### **Great Hike**

This trail makes a great day and multiday hike. The trail is a great starting point to connect to the Skyline Trail #385 which connects to many other trails for a multi-day or single day hike. If you are going to build a campfire please stay 100 ft. from water sources and use existing fire rings.

### **Safety In the Woods**

Be prepared for all types of conditions and weather. Bring with you extra food and water, or a water filtration system. Be bear and cougar aware, tie food up in a tree or bring a bear box to protect food, never keep food in your tent. Have a plan for your trip including route of travel and estimated time of return. Let family or friends know your plans. Do not rely on cell coverage or GPS. Carry a paper map and know how to read it. Plan ahead and be safe.

### **Trail Information**

The trail is 2.9 miles from to the connection with Skyline trail #385.

Moderate

### **Directions**

From Hwy 26 enter the town of Prairie City, turn onto South Main Street, at the first stop sign turn left. This road becomes County Rd. 62. Stay on this road until the junction with Forest Rd. 16. Turn west onto Forest Rd. 16. Turn onto Forest Rd. 924, turn right onto Forest Rd. 1648 to Forest Rd. 021 stay on Forest Rd. 021 for approximately 2.5 miles to the trailhead.

From Seneca take Forest Rd. 16 turn left onto Forest Rd. 924. Follow this to Forest Rd. 1648. From Forest Rd. 1648 turn onto Forest Rd. 021. Stay on Forest Rd. 021 to the trailhead.

From John Day, take Hwy. 395 turn onto County Rd. 65, this road becomes Forest Rd. 15. Take to connection with Forest Rd. 16. Travel east to Forest Rd. 924, take this road to Forest Rd. 1648, then turn onto Forest Rd. 021 to the trailhead.